

Welcome to Hilltop Herefords in Halstead, Kansas. We live on a family farm that was originally purchased by Pat's grandfather back in 1927. The farm has seen many things over the years including, old time wheat threshing, raising chickens and also registered mules. We are still raising chickens but our pride is our Horned Herefords.

We bought our first two Herefords back in 2006. We started with one bull and one bred heifer. After a rough start and almost throwing in the towel, we stuck it out and our herd has now grown to 15 head. Although we are not a large operation, we have enough to keep us busy and manage to sell meat to friends and co-workers.

We run our entire operation on a total of 80 acres. We have an approximately 30 acre pasture of the most luscious prairie hay. In fact, about 60 acres of our pasture is completely never broken original Kansas Prairie. We manage the weeds regularly and practice animal rotation by splitting up our pasture in several different paddocks. This also enables us to not over graze it in the hot summer when we are short on rain. We raise completely grass fed/finished beef. Our customers love it and we have a long waiting list always asking for more.

We are very proud to own a bull from the DeeWall herd that has bloodlines from the long running Franklin Nash ranch. They are a classic Hereford ranch but fit in well with our herd. All of our current ladies have been born and bred on our ranch.

We have enjoyed raising our Herefords. We have learned to never be afraid to ask for help or guidance from others. It is hard but enjoyable work. We have made some of our best friends from the cattle industry.

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